Production and import of bulk drugs

1342. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 635 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of liberalisation, production of 29 bulk drugs out of around 70 bulk drugs for which production is monitored has fallen ;

(b) what was the production of each of these 29 drugs during the last four years, year-wise and what is the extent of shortfall from 1986-87 production :

(c) what are the names of total monitored bulk drugs, which are being produced from intermediate stage and since when ;

(d) what was the production of intermediate stage produced drugs during the last three years, year-wise :

(e) whether it is a fact that the import of bulk drugs, finished medicines and intermediates has been given a boost under 1986 Drug Policy ; and

(f) if so, what is the total import of each during 1986-87 and 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (d) Fall in production of any drug is a function of several factors including demand, availability of viable technology and the corporate plans of the company. Several monitored drugs such as Ethambutol, Rifampicin, Pyrazinamide, Chloroquine, Amodiaquine etc. are being produced from the intermediate stage since several years. Details of production of all monitored drugs are published regularly in the Annual Performance Budgets of this Ministry, which are available in the Parliament Library.

(e) No Sir, Import Policy for drugs is formulated in consideration of several factors such as demand, indigenous production, availability of viable indigenous technology etc.

(f) Import of individual drugs is not monitored by this Ministry.

Norms for conversion cost and packing charges

1343. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) when were the norms for conversion cost and packing charges revised by Government ;

(b) what is the percentage increase and on what basis it was worked out ;

(c) whether it is a fact that several places conversion cost or even packing charges are much more than the material costs ;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor :

(e) whether it is a fact that revised norms are some adhoc increased over the earlier norms ;

(f) what are the norms of packing charges for ampoule upto 15 ml. and more that 15 ml. and on what basis these have been worked out ;